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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Proceeding for Approval of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA)
Avoided Cost Rates for Electric Companies
Docket No. 1995-1192-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On March 29, 2019, the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance (“SBA”) filed its Motion to Hold Docket in Abeyance and Suspend Prefiling Dates (“Motion”) in this docket. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) supports the relief requested in the Motion as likely to promote judicial economy and to conserve limited regulatory resources.

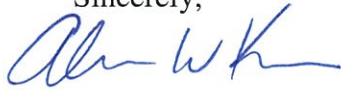
ORS also supports SBA’s requested expedited review of the Motion. ORS believes that the circumstances of this docket are analogous to those in Docket No. 2019-2-E, where the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) recently bifurcated the proceedings in order to consider avoided cost issues at a future time.

If the Commission does not grant expedited review, ORS alternatively requests that the Commission hold in abeyance the procedural deadlines in this docket until the Commission can rule on the Motion. Suspending such deadlines would help to minimize the cost impacts to customers of completing testimony that may not be needed.

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Thank you for your consideration of these comments and requests.

Sincerely,



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